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TOWN OFFICERS

Officers of the Town of Sidney Elected and Appointed
for the Year 1924-1925

Moderator

T. W. LONGLEY

Town Clerk

J. H. FIELD

Selectmen Assessors and Overseers of Poor

T. W. LONGLEY D. L. WEEKS FRED W. DYER

Treasurer and Collector

H. A. FAUGHT

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN S. TAPLEY

Superintending School Committee

RUSSELL BAILEY GEO. S. SHAW LUCY CAMON

Health Officer

D. L. WEEKS

Constable

FRED G. CREED

Road Commissioners

W. Y. BALLARD A. H. SMILEY

Fire Ward

WALTER NOBLE

Forest Fire Commissioners

S. A. PHILBROOK ROY C. SMILEY

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending February 10, 1925.

VALUATION AND TAX

Resident real estate	\$279,225.00
Non-Resident real estate	<u>116,250.00</u>
Total Real Estate	\$395,475.00
Resident Personal Estate	91,727.00
Non-Resident Personal Estate	<u>17,785.00</u>
Total Personal Estate	\$109,512.00
Grand Total	\$504,987.00
Tax on above at \$.043	\$21,714.44
269 polls at \$3.00	<u>807.00</u>
	\$22,521.44

APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and bridges	\$3,000.00
State Aid Road	533.00
Maintenance	300.00
Common schools	5,000.00
Tuition	600.00
Repairs of School Houses	500.00
School Books	250.00
Support of Poor	500.00
Town Charges	4,000.00
To apply to Town debt	1,000.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Town Fair	50.00
Graveling River Road	500.00
Vassalboro for Ferry Boat	289.92
For Special Resolve	250.00
Railing dangerous places	1,000.00
State Tax	3,382.66
County Tax	660.98
Overlay	<u>679.88</u>
	\$22,521.44
Supplementary Tax	\$12.90

**LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
ASSESSED IN 1924**

	No.	Av. Val.	Total val.
Horses	320	\$82.30	\$26,335.00
Colts 3 to 4 years	3	65.00	195.00
Colts 2 to 3 years	5	47.00	235.00
Cows	645	37.68	24,310.00
Oxen	12	48.75	585.00
Three-year-olds	99	30.15	2,985.00
Two-year-olds	153	21.50	3,290.00
Sheep over 35 in number	15	6.00	90.00
Poultry over 50 in number	1207	1.00	1,207.00
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			\$59,232.00

LIVE STOCK EXEMPT BY LAW

Yearlings	170	\$14.18	\$2,410.60
Sheep	235	6.00	4,110.00
Swine	126	13.85	1,745.10
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			\$8,265.70

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	975.00
Boats 9	650.00
Logs and Lumber	14,780.00
Automobiles 150	24,085.00
Musical instruments, number 33	2,725.00
Furniture	800.00
Portable Mills, 1	300.00
Machinery, etc.	5,965.00
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	\$50,280.00

POOR BILLS — 1925

Mrs. Albert Seavey, Acct. Harris Orr	\$130.71
J. H. Morse, Acct. Harris Orr	930.00
S. J. Foster, Acct. Harris Orr	.65
J. B. Abbott, Acct. James Crowley	193.80
Town of Presque Isle, Acct. Edna Lathrop	
	109.40
Town of Presque Isle, Acct. James	
Lathrop	6.77

City of Hallowell, Acct. Agnes Nichols	37.50
A. W. Hammond, Acct. of Rosanna Fowles	31.34
James Babbott, Acct. James Crowley	38.00
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	\$557.47
Received on State Pauper Acct.	150.66
Appropriation	500.00
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	\$650.00
Balance unexpended	\$93.19

TOWN BILLS — 1924

F. C. Foster, sealing weights and measures	\$8.00
Brookside Press	10.50
W. S. Ladd, printing	64.00
J. Frank Pierce Store, books and stationery	22.25
City of Hallowell, mother's aid for Agnes Nichols	112.00
Mrs. Margaret Gifford, mother's aid	105.00
T. W. Longley, services as select-man	172.25
D. L. Weeks, services as select-man and cash paid out	125.09
Fred W. Dyer, services as select-man	120.25
Witness fees, etc. on D'Auteuil case	68.50
Brooks' Hardware Co.	60.70
Waterville Sentinel, printing	12.25
J. S. Tracy, services as ferryman	473.70
L. E. Moore, patrol work	37.03
J. S. Tapley, salary as supt. schools schools	427.76
Berger Mfg. Co.	26.60
F. G. Creed, services as constable	62.05

Chas. H. Chandler, one half of line sign	2.00
Julia A. Lyon, services as treasurer for 1923	175.00
H. A. Faught, services as select- man Feb. 10, to March 3, 1924	25.00
City of Augusta, fire department	85.00
Portland Press Herald, advertising	7.10
C. D. Clark, housing roller and road machine	10.00
Mrs. M. Drummond, services on school board	13.00
Mrs. J. H. Trask, pair blankets	20.00
Mrs. Moore, cleaning hall	2.00
A. L. Clark, services as selectman and witness fee	22.19
Mrs. E. Moore, for Memorial Day	25.00
A. H. Smiley, freight	3.10
Chas. Pihlgren, damage to horse and wagon	25.00
J. McFadden, fighting fire	2.50
R. C. Smiley, fire warden	8.33
Getchell Foundry, machine works	36.83
Wm. McFadden, fighting fire	30.00
M. H. Bailey, trip with hearse	5.00
M. H. Bailey, repairing little gra- der	5.00
Macomber Farr and Whitten	7.50
C. S. Taylor, Town Fair	50.00
Waterville Iron Works, labor	3.00
Town of Oakland, fire department	8.40
Proctor and Bowie	2.50
Day and Smiley	4.20
Winthrop Bowman, gravel for patrol	7.90
H. A. Fraught, ballot clerk	7.50
E. C. Wyman, ballot clerk	7.50

McLean Fogg and Southard on expense of cost of posters	8.75
H. D. Bussell, patrol gravel	1.90
W. Y. Ballard, gravel special resolve highway	120.00
C. S. Taylor, services as constable	5.00
A. H. Smiley, hauling out ferry boat	5.00
Sidney Grange one half in- surance on Hall	9.38
F. A. Barnard, housing two rollers	10.00
L. E. Reynolds, reporting deaths	1.00
Walter Blaidsell, gravel	12.00
L. H. Black, fee as sexton	5.00
E. L. Swift, housing and repair- ing roller	8.00
C. D. Clark, housing roller	5.00
D. A. Sawtelle, repairing roller	16.00
Kennebec Journal, printing col- lector's and non-resident taxes	20.48
E. W. Lewis, repairing roller	139.91
A. W. Hammond, justice fees	3.00
S. A. Philbrook, ballot clerk	7.50
Elmer Burnham, repairing roller	10.00
H. H. Philbrick, reimbursement taxes	2.15
S. J. Foster, antitoxin	4.00
H. A. Faught, postage, etc.	14.89
Town of Belgrade, adj. weights and measures	1.49
W. E. Noble, services as fire warden	3.00
C. S. Taylor, one half insurance on Town Hall	4.20
E. P. Williams, report births and deaths	3.50
E. P. Williams, health officer	6.00
G. E. Sherrard, housing roller, 1924	5.00

F. W. Dyer, wood for town office	6.00
A. W. Haommond, ballot clerk	7.50
T. W. Longley, moderator, sup-	
plies, etc.	5.34
Town of Vassalboro	
Appropriation of \$289.92 on	
new boat, less balance on	
Ferry account, 1924	252.64
George Austin, refund	1.29
J. H. Field, services as town clerk	50.00
Sidney Telephone Co., selectmen's	
office	16.25
A. B. Davenport, rope for Ferry	
boat	11.25
Hussey Hardware Co., Irons for	
Ferry Boat	10.85
J. S. Tapley, freight on books	3.05
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	\$4,473.91
Appropriation for town charges	
	\$4,000.00
Town Fair	50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Vassalboro for Sidney's part of	
ferry boat	289.92
Overexpended	<hr/> 4,364.92
	\$108.99

HIGHWAY, WINTER 1923-1924

E. R. Burnham	\$ 5.00
W. B. McArthur	2.50
George Sherard	37.17
James Williams	28.67
A. H. Smiley	19.50
A. C. Robinson	5.83
R. C. Smiley	15.00
M. T. Knight	23.60
C. D. Clark	6.55
C. M. Goff	2.50
R. C. Smiley	4.25
S. F. Tanner	3.20

Herbert Page	3.00
C. M. Goff	1.37
E. B. Tanner	12.25
R. C. Smiley	5.00
F. G. Creed	12.00
M. H. Drummond	23.33
M. E. Page	6.00
Joseph Delaware	6.50
Arthur Robinson	3.75
Herbert Burnham	3.75
Leslie Lathe	2.24
Elmer Burnham	10.00
Harold Skinner	1.68
D. D. Stevens	2.36
George E. Sherrard	14.98
George M. Ellis	17.78
Chester Freeman	10.00
Herbert Burnham	5.00
Paul D. Barnes	8.75
A. C. Robinson	10.00
Bertel Skinner	1.95
Herbert Burnham	2.50
William Harvey	27.25
S. W. Goff	6.66
Harold Burnham	24.99
M. I. Knight	5.00
Horace M. Tolman	8.87
George Bronson	12.00
W. Y. Ballard	24.50
L. E. Moore	6.00
F. B. Barnard	15.00
O. W. Tanner	8.50
O. H. Bowden	28.25
E. O. Oliver	9.00
E. C. Bowden	7.04
George E. Potter	4.02
Carrier and Davis	37.50
Alwan Stevens	7.50
George Green	26.50

Harold Black	6.75
Alwan Tilley	12.50
E. C. Weeks	26.00
M. L. Goodhue	68.75
Charles Sibley	16.11
Walter Wilshire	37.30
Weston Taylor	2.78
E. C. Wyman	16.00
E. A. Sibley	4.50
C. B. Sibley	8.59
Key Philbrick	5.00
F. A. Barnard	24.44
F. B. Bailey	34.25
D. A. Sawtelle	31.50
J. E. Sawtelle	22.25
A. W. Hammond	12.83
H. H. Philbrick	10.00
E. C. Knowles	13.00
James Williams	8.50
S. A. Philbrook	36.89
Eugene Cowan	16.80
D. O'Brion	2.50
Alex Mills	5.69
A. T. Drummond	18.25
Emery Blaisdell	11.60
L. H. Black	9.60
Arthur Duquette	15.54
Herbert Haskell	7.80
J. H. Swift	7.33
C. A. Waite	12.00
E. L. Swift	36.50
E. G. Graner	7.78
Walter B. Haskell	1.40
William Cowan	22.20
George A. Houghton	2.25

	\$1,152.01

HIGHWAY SUMMER, EASTERN DIVISION

T. W. Hamlin	26.25
J. H. Ward	120.42
M. H. Drummond	72.14
L. E. Moore	12.00
O. H. Davenport	148.50
D. O'Brion	42.00
A. L. Chadbourne	84.00
New England Machine Company	10.50
C. D. Clark	32.44
A. B. Davenport	49.50
Penn. Metal Company	271.00
A. G. Cummings	47.50
Berger Mfg. Company	9.80
H. F. Stevens	3.00
T. W. B. Crosby Plank	30.40
M. E. Page	144.00
E. R. Goff	42.00
R. E. Weeks	27.50
H. H. Hughes	24.37
Walter Haskell	10.00
M. I. Knight	1.88
Walter Wilshire	7.32
M. F. Tracy	4.37
G. D. Ellis	18.25
F. B. Barnard	2.50
F. A. Barnard	6.00
C. M. Goff	30.00
Roland Lathrop	2.50
S. W. Blanchard	36.00
J. R. Peters	2.00
Mitchell Garage	4.50
James McFadden	7.50
E. B. Tanner	63.00
R. C. Smiley	297.25
A. H. Smiley	361.10
William McFadden	107.49
	\$2,158.98

Appropriation	1,500.00
Overexpended	658.98
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	\$2,158.98

HIGHWAY, SUMMER WESTERN DIVISION

W. Y. Ballard	611.75
Fred Keene	7.50
Fred Peterson	34.00
George Newell	42.50
Raymond Pooler	7.50
C. M. Conant	10.00
Bert Newell	23.12
William Newell	10.62
Berger Mfg. Company	374.10
E. N. Sawyer	97.50
George Bronson	183.00
Walter Haskell	5.00
W. A. Lathe	18.81
George Dudley	126.81
J. E. Sawtelle	30.00
S. A. Philbrook	8.50
F. B. and Glen Bailey	13.95
M. C. Philbrick	8.50
E. H. Wort	22.50
E. G. Graner	23.25
P. W. French	20.00
Will Abbott	12.25
Elmer Burnham	5.00
Don Philbrick	7.50
Penn. Metal Company	40.00
George Green	67.50
John Griffin	16.25
Harold Reynolds	7.50
George Austin	3.40
Harold Tripp	33.12
A. G. Cummings	n96.25
Roy Tillson	33.75
J. B. Ballard	36.45

A. W. Bangs	53.50
M. L. Goodhue	114.50
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Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Overexpended	705.94
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	\$2,205.94

STATE AID HIGHWAY

Fred Hamlin	63.04
Harry Hughes	58.88
R. S. Smiley	73.45
J. H. Ward	48.75
M. F. Tracy	53.88
C. M. Goff	102.33
Ged Ellis	89.08
A. H. Smiley	120.66
Penn Metal Company	68.94
G. L. Damren	5.00
William McFadden	2.08
William Folger	.97
J. R. McFadden Jr.	23.89
James McFadden	20.00
T. H. Towle	186.66
Tanner Brothers	80.75
Stora Tanner	24.44
E. B. Tanner	66.00
E. R. Goff	24.00
Hussey Hardware Company	18.90
O. H. Davenport	118.22
M. C. Philbrick	60.00
O. W. Smiley	21.37
L. D. Goff	14.66
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Appropriated	\$1,345.95
Received from State	694.89
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Overexpended	\$118.07
	\$1,227.89

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Ernest Wyman	184.00
William Ballard	170.00
E. N. Sawyer	17.50
George Newell	11.35
William Bowman	11.25
Bert Blaisdell	17.50
Fred Keene	69.00
Fred Amer	38.75
A. G. Cummings	15.00
Arthur Bowman	20.00
Herbert Burnham	41.86
Arthur Robinson	44.36
Elmer Burnham	39.36
Harold Black	37.50
James Huney	31.25
Andrew Keene	18.00
Fred Peterson	81.00
William Cowan	40.50
George Crockett	17.50
William Cowan	38.75
George Bronson	93.00
Sidney Langley	18.75
T. W. Longley Jr.	33.00
Zolman Bacon	7.50
Berger Mfg. Company	7.20
William Abbott	90.00
E. Blaisdell	45.00
P. W. French	1.25
William Blaisdell	39.00
Harold Tripp	21.25
George Dudley	45.00
Harold Reynolds	21.25
L. H. Black	93.00
Roy Tillson	6.25
	1,465.88
Received from State	\$1,421.17
Balance overdrawn	\$44.71

STATE AID MAINTENANCE — 1924

Lewis Ellis	75.00
W. Y. Ballard	75.00
George D. Ellis	27.00
F. W. Hamlin	10.00
C. M. Goff	30.00
M. F. Tracy	12.50
Roland Lathrop	5.00
George Dudley	18.75
R. C. Smiley	30.00
Herbert Page	2.50
A. H. Smiley	32.50
O. W. Smiley	16.95
A. G. Cummings	16.25
Harry Hughes	12.50
Harold Tripp	18.75
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	\$382.70
Unexpended	27.30
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	410.00
Appropriation by Town	300.00
Received from State	110.00
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	\$410.00

GRAVEL FOR THE RIVER ROAD — 1925

R. C. Smiley	54.00
James McFadden	22.50
C. M. Goff	72.00
A. H. Smiley	78.00
George D. Ellis	30.00
A. T. Drummond	34.65
F. W. Hamlin	12.50
Leigh Sherrard	7.50
Walter Gilman	1.25
George Sherrard	18.00
F. O. Hamlin	1.25
Thayer Wilshire	8.75
J. H. Ward	15.00

James McFadden Jr.	15.00
Walter Wilshire	30.00
E. R. Goff	24.00
M. L. Tracy	24.00
M. F. Tracy	10.00
William McFadden	7.50
Harry Hughes	12.50
O. W. Smiley	8.10
H. L. Patterson	3.15
	498.60
Balance unexpended	1.30
Appropriation	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$500.00</u>

RAILING DANGEROUS PLACES

A. W. Bangs	62.50
William McFadden	30.00
W. Y. Ballard	11.00
John H. Ward	51.25
A. H. Smiley	23.50
R. C. Smiley	21.00
W. A. Sawyer	136.80
S. F. Tanner	13.75
E. B. Tanner	12.50
Ralph E. Weeks	5.00
Harry Hughes	54.30
A. B. Davenport	4.50
Harold Tripp	6.25
E. N. Sawyer	5.00
George Dudley	10.00
O. H. Davenport	55.72
Augusta Lumber Company	50.00
Georgia E. Shaw	2.40
F. W. Faught	10.00
J. B. Ballard	38.00
Roland Lathrop	2.50
W. H. Keene	61.25
Fred Keene	38.75
G. W. Evans	100.45

M. F. Tracy	5.00
Dan Philbrick	5.56
E. H. Wort	20.00
Walter Haskell	38.40
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	875.38
Unexpended	124.62
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Appropriation by the Town	1,000.00
	\$1,000.00

ACCOUNT VASSALBORO RIVERSIDE FERRIES
1925

Vassalboro ferryman, 250 days at 2.00 per day	\$500.00
W. B. Crosby, labor on boat and lumber	15.50
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	515.50
Receipts	119.10
Deficiency	396.40
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	515.50
Vassalboro's part five-eighths	247.75
Sidney's part three-eighths	148.65
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	396.40
Riverside Ferry Account	
J. S. Tracy ferryman 257 days at \$2.25 a day	578.25
Six days at \$2.00 per day	12.00
Repairs for boat	22.10
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	612.35
Receipts	116.55
Deficiency	495.80
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	612.35
Vassalboro's part three-eighths	185.93
Sidney's part five-eighths	309.87
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	495.80

Due to Sidney from Vassalboro	185.93
Due to Vassalboro from Sidney	148.65
Balance due to Sidney from	
Vassalboro	37.28

ABATEMENTS — 1924

William Edie, error in assessing	3.00
H. S. Patterson, error in assessing	.64
W. P. Lyon, error in assessing	4.30
F. W. Faught, error in assessing	3.01
E. R. Dyer, error in assessing	6.15
	\$17.10

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities — 1924

M. L. Reynolds, note with int.	\$3,127.08
S. C. Hastings, note with int.	3,138.05
Vileda Beans, note with int.	402.90
	\$6,668.03

Resources

Due from H. A. Faught, treasurer and collector	384.72
Due from State Account, mother's aid	35.00
Due from Town of Oakland	30.00
Due from Julia A. Lyon, Treas. and Collector 1923	68.12
	517.84
Balance against Town	\$6,150.19

T. W. LONGLEY

D. L. WEEKS

F. W. DYER

Selectmen of Sidney

Treasurer's and Collectedor's Report--1924

Receipts from Feb. 10, 1924 to Feb. 10, 1925

From Julia A. Lyon	\$ 1,273.84
State Trust Company	13,000.00
Leroy Page Estate	204.12
State Treas., State Pension	132.00
State Treas., Support of Paupers	150.66
State Treas., Tax on Bank stock	2.49
Received for Dependent children	227.50
State Treas., Highway Department	15.00
State Treas., third class highway	1,421.17
State Treas., State School Fund	2,673.24
State Treas., Dog License refunded	26.12
State Treas., Highway dept.	119.80
State Treas., Equalization Fund	230.00
State Treas., Improved State Road	694.89
C. S. Lewis, reimbursement for aid to ancestors	125.00
Town of Fairfield, mother's aid to Mrs. Margaret Gifford	35.00
W. Y. Ballard, Bog land	100.00
State Trust Co., int. on check account	28.05
For charges advertising non-resident real estate	16.04

J. H. Field, dog tax	153.00
Supplementary tax	12.90
Commitment, 1924	<u>22,521.44</u>
	\$43,162.29

Expenditures from Feb. 10, 1923 to Feb. 10, 1924

Paid S. C. Hastings, interest	150.00
M. L. Reynolds, interest	150.00
Mrs. Rosanna Fowles, State pension	96.00
State Trust Co., note 1923	1,000.00
State Treasurer, joint fund	
State highway	250.00
State Treasurer, dependent children	227.50
County Treas. county tax	660.98
State Treas., State tax	3,382.66
State Treas., Patrol maintenance	611.00
C. A. Graus, Admr., int. on Bean note	20.00
Phrosina M. Ellis, State pension	36.00
State Treasurer, dog tax	153.00
State Trust Co, notes, 1924	13,000.00
State Trust Co., interest	309.17
Highway Summer bills	4,365.38
Highway Winter bills	1,064.99
Third Class Highway bills	1,464.63
State Aid Highway bills	1,345.95
Railing dangerous places, bills	835.38
Gravel, river road, bills	497.60
Maintenance State aid highway	
way	382.70
Poor bills	527.47
Town bills	4,377.56
School bills	<u>7,869.57</u>
	42,777.54

Balance due town Feb. 10, 1924	384.72
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	\$43,162.26
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Held in Trust for J. O. Drummond	
estate	100.00
Accumulated interest	87.63
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	\$187.63
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Held in trust for O. M. Sibley	
estate	200.00
Accumulated interst	12.30
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	\$212.30
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H. A. FAUGHT

Treasurer and Collector

MARRIAGES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 1924
TO FEBRUARY 10, 1925

- June 28 — Martin L. Tracy and Pearl F. McArthur.
June 29 — Joseph Matson and Mildred Matson.
Aug. 23 — Harvey N. Smith and Evelyn A. Tibbetts.
Oct. 6 — Manson W. Cowan and Thelma G. Swift.
Oct. 6 — William Markee and Marjorie L. Abbott.
Nov. 26 — John G. P. Sherburne and Clara Hazel Lathe.

BIRTHS FROM FEBRUARY 10, 1924
TO FEBRUARY 10, 1925

- February 19 — Christine Alice Benson, female; parents, Harold and Ella.
Feb. 24 — Marylin Reynolds, female; parents, Cedric and Doris.
Mar. 17 — Theresa Mae Tracy, female; parents, J. S. and Alfreda.
July 14 — Clarence Freeman Bean, male; parents, Harold and Mabelle.
July 27 — Earl Robert Philbrick, male; parents, Malcom and Blanche.
Sept. 14 — Frank Edgar Bronson, male; parents, George and Fareda.
Sept. 21 — George Elbert Manter, male; parents, Seldon and Inez.
Nov. 8 — Frank Plisga, male; parents, John and Aggie.
Nov. 21 — Doris Louise Pooler, female; parents, Raymond and Alice.
Dec. 15 — Charity Mosher Ellis, female; parents, George and Emma.
- 1925
- Jan 4 — Mogle, male; parents, John and Mary.
Jan. 26 — Marie Jeanette Lepointe, female; parents, Archelds and Marie.
Jan. 31 — Ruth Lois Clark, female; parents, Clyde and Harriett.
Feb. 7 — John Crabtree, male; parents, W. H. and Maude.

DEATHS FROM FEBRUARY 10, 1924
TO FEBRUARY 10, 1925

- Feb. 13 — Paulina S. Young, age 77; cause, Chronic Nephritis
- Feb. 21 — Laforest E. Trask, age 69; cause, Cerebral Hemorrhage.
- March 5 — Edgar W. Reynolds, age 71; cause, Cerebral Hemorrhage.
- March 10 — Laura Robinson, age 70; cause, Bronchine Infection.
- May 5 — Emma L. Corson, age 69; cause, Broncho-Pneumonia.
- May 25 — David A. Field, age 77; cause, Lobar Pneumonia.
- June 7 — George W. Manter, age 72; cause, Chronic Endoraritites Mitral Vyuyitation.
- June 11 — Viola Harvey, age 9 mo; cause, Broncho-Pneumonia.
- Aug. 19 — Charles Poulin, age 67; cause, Suicide by hanging.
- Sept. 6 — Emma I. Swift, age 70; cause, Metral Valvular Insufficiency.
- Oct. 20 — Jean Wilson MacGilloray, age 73; cause, Uraemic Coma.
- Nov. 11 — Eliza L. Berdeen, age 75; cause, Cancer of Liver.
- Nov. 30 — Martin L. Goodhue, age 41; cause, Lobar Pneumonia.
- Dec. 26 — Walter W. Woodward, age 46; cause, auto-accident. Collision
- 1925
- Feb. 7 — John Crabtree, age — ; cause, Premature Birth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FIELD,

Town Clerk

Sidney School Report

To the Citizens and Members of the School Committee:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report of the schools for the year ending Feb. 20, 1925.

Ten schools have been in session during the year, and whereas the locations of these schools have been such as to convene the greatest number of pupils, this number has now increased or diminished in some of the districts so that it will be necessary to make several changes in school locations and some changes in the conveyances for the coming year.

The registration in the several schools at present is as follows:

Thayer's Corner	28 pupils
Clark School	10 pupils
Davenport School	20 pupils
Town Farm School	11 pupils
Lewis School	20 pupils
Bacon's Corner School	20 pupils
Quaker Hill School	13 pupils
West Sidney School	10 pupils
Cowan District	16 pupils
Sawtelle District	18 pupils

At Thayer's Corner there will be about thirty-eight pupils for the spring term. The majority of these and it would seem that this number of pupils for one teacher is too many, in order that efficient work might be done. To transport these pupils to some other school would work a hardship, and cause much dissatisfaction in the district because all of the pupils except one live either at the Corner or south of the school. Therefore the only solution is to provide an assistant for a whole or part of the time.

As you will note the Davenport school numbers about twenty pupils. The majority of these are conveyed from north of the school, and two Webber children are conveyed

from the David Allen Field Road. It might be best to close this school and open number 5. The pupils which now attend number 11 could be sent the other way to the Town Farm School without additional expense. By this arrangement district number 5 would convene the Webber children, the Morse child, two at Barrs, one at Houghton's, and the Peck child should she return in the spring. There are a number of extra pupils to enter in the spring at Bacon's Corner, and opening number 5 school would tend to relieve any congestion that might occur at that point. As I have outlined the arrangement of schools, we should employ the minimum number of teachers, use fewer conveyance teams and convene the majority of the pupils.

The school at Thayer's Corner began the fall term August 18th and closed the winter term after twenty weeks of schooling and a week's vacation, January 10th. This was sort of an experiment and it has worked fine in that almost perfect attendance has been maintained, the very cold weather has been avoided, and the cost of fuel and repairs has been reduced to the minimum. I believe it might be well to begin the schools early in all of the districts. We should notice quite a difference in our attendance, and in the cost of fuel.

REPAIRS

Most of the repair work this year has been done at Thayer's Corner School. A new shed with closets was added to the building, the lighting arrangement has been changed to conform to the state standards, and both sides of the roof have been shingled.

This building now needs the foundation repaired, the outside painted, a new floor laid, the entry refinished and the interior cleaned and painted. I shuld recommend that this work be completed on this building before we take on the repair of some other building, otherwise much of the money spent this year will have been wasted.

If we are to hold to the one-room system, we should put all these buildings in shape to do the regular school

work. If we oblige children to attend school we should at least safe-guard them in respect to sanitation, proper heating and lighting, suitable closets and those things which make for decency and morality.

A definite appropriation for the repair of the buildings should be made each year outside of the general repair work, and in this way in a few years our school buildings will meet the state regulations and standards of school buildings.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

In speaking of the general progress of the schools, I feel that the Sidney schools compare favorably with those in the surrounding towns. While we have not the advantages in buildings, equipment and choice of experienced and trained teachers that larger centers enjoy, the general work of the teachers and pupils is to be commended.

In some districts more than in others there are parents and citizens who have faith in their school and this spirit of co-operation is a potent factor in making the school a success. This parental interest is manifest in the pupils, wherever it exists and is a source of help and encouragement to the teacher as well. Too often our criticism of the school and of the teacher is destructive and unfounded. It is often well to imagine ones self in the teacher's place and be fair in determining what would be one's success in place of the teacher under similar conditions. It must be remembered that the school and the home are co-operative and that the success or failure of a school depends quite as much on the efforts of parents and citizens as on the teacher and pupils.

At Christmas time all of the schools had exercises and a Christmas Tree. Most of the presents though of small intrinsic value, represented tokens of Christmas cheer, and this was carried into the heart of every child and into most of the homes as well. The work done at Christmas time tends to perpetuate the spirit of Christ, and this is the best kind of moral instruction.

The noon lunch has played quite an important part in our school work during the winter term. Lunches have been served in six of the ten schools.

At Thayer's Corner, the children canned food enough in the fall to last nearly through the winter term. I visited this school during the noon hour. I saw the teacher serve a hot lunch to twenty-five pupils. This lunch had been prepared over the old box stove. Before the meal began the pupils with the teacher bowed their heads and rendered thanks to God for the blessings of life. I was proud of the American school and of the American boy and girl. How many of the homes are doing for their children what this teacher is doing for her pupils?

In regard to these lunches in the schools I am pleased to report that all of the parents seem to favor the work. Not one word of criticism has been made and the parents have been willing and anxious to co-operate in the work and have aided materially in the matter of providing cooked food, vegetables and milk.

LIST OF TEACHERS

June Towle Wright	Sidney
Annie Davis	Sidney
Angelina Sawtelle	Sidney
June Freeman	Sidney
Pearl T. Hill	Calais
Myrtle M. Hill	Calais
Lucie Burrill	Canaan
Grace Willey	Corinna
Theo L. Boyee	Springfield
Harriet Niles	Madison

RECOMMENDATIONS

Common Schools	\$5,000.00
High School Tuition	600.00
School Repairs	500.00
Textbooks	250.00

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$5000.00
High School Tuition	600.00
State School Fund	2,673.00
Equi. Fund	230.00
Tuition — Oakland	30.00
Overdrawn	116.88
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	8,650.12

EXPENDITURES

Teachers

Alice Morse	234.00
Myrtle Hill	494.60
June Wright	504.00
Alice Philbrook	144.00
Annie Davis	504.00
Lida Smith	180.00
Theo Boyce	504.00
Blanche Philbrick	97.20
Georgia Shaw	36.00
Winona Goff	126.00
Marion Orcutt	162.00
Pearl Hill	360.00
Angelina Sawtelle	360.00
Jennie Freeman	360.00
Grace Willey	306.00
Harriet Niles	320.00
Lucie Burrill	360.00
Pearl Morse	60.00
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	5,111.80

Conveyance

Lyman Moore	80.00
Carver & Davis	415.04
Annie Davis	28.00
William Cowan	252.00
Ira Foss	280.00
Fred Smith	364.00

Fred Sheaff	60.00
Micheal Greeley	30.00
George Webber	50.00
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	1,559.04

Fuel

Malcom Philbrook	130.00
Donald Stevens	5.25
William Cowan	46.00
Charles Smith	16.25
T. H. Towle	12.00
Lida Smith	2.00
W. H. Bowman	20.00
W. W. Reynolds	112.00
M. J. Knight	60.00
R. C. Smiley	5.10
June Wright	2.50
George Green	72.00
Lincoln Marston	2.00
Martin Freeman	4.50
C. G. Freeman	3.00
Goldie Cummings	3.00
A. Clark	5.50
Alice Morse	1.00
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	502.10

Janitors

District 1	14.00
2	16.00
3	14.00
4	14.00
6	12.20
7	14.00
8	15.00
9	14.00
10	14.00
11	14.00
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	141.20

High School Tuition

Town of Oakland	476.66
City of Westbrook	30.00
City of Augusta	105.00
Oak Grove Seminary	200.00
Town of Belgrade	160.00
City of Waterville	90.00
	1,061.66
Overdrawn 1923-24	274.32
Total Expenditure	\$8,650.12

TEXTBOOKS

Receipts

Appropriation	250.00
	250.00

Expenditures

Freight	3.05
World Book Company	7.29
Silver Burdett & Company	23.98
Ginn and Company	43.83
Milton Bradley Co.	37.00
City Job Print	4.00
D. K. Knowlton	1.00
American Book Company	6.10
E. E. Babb & Company	4.18
Starker & Toner	10.68
	141.11
Unexpended	108.89
	250.00

REPAIRS

Receipts

Appropriation of Town	500.00
	500.00

Expenditures

Malcom Philbrook	8.00
F. G. Creed	1.00
Martin Freeman	1.00
D. M. Marshall & Company	3.35
Angelina Sawtelle	3.00
Walter Noble	7.00
Annie Davis	3.00
John E. Sawtelle	4.75
Walter Tobey	185.01
Proctor & Bowie Company	47.75
June Wright	4.50
Gladys Cummings	8.00
Joseph Trageny	5.00
Maurice Mattheiu	6.00
Arthur D. Stearns	5.00
Carver & Davis	127.18
Maurice Cannon	1.15
Joseph Gero	5.00
W. P. Marble	1.50
Mrs. Robert Cole	2.00
Rollins Dunham Company	6.18
C. D. Clark	2.00
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	437.37
Unexpended	62.63
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	500.00

SUMMARY

School Receipts

Common School	5,000.00
High School Tuition	600.00
State School Fund	2,673.24
Equi. Fund	230.00
School Tuition	30.00
Repairs	500.00
Textbooks	250.00
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	9,283.24
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